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1. HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY PROF. M. AYO AJOMO, COORDINATOR JESSUP MOOT NIGERIA, THAT COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 28 IN LAGOS. PARTICIPATING TEAMS REPRESENT ALL FOUR LAW FACULTIES--UNILAG, ABU, UNIGERIA AND UNIFE--FROM WHICH BEST WILL BE CHOSEN TO COMPETE IN WASHINGTON JESSUP MOOT COURT APRIL 25.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY, ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETIES (ASILS) SPONSORING NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS WHO PLAN ARRIVE ASHINGTON ON/ABOUT APRIL 20. AS THIS PROGRAM ASSISTED BY CU GRANT, AND IN VIEW NEED COORDINATE DEPARTURE NIGERIAN PARTICIPANTS, REQUEST DEPT. ADVISE

ASILS WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFO. COPIES CORRESPONDENCE TO TO PROF. AJOMO.

3. FYI, EMBASSY PLANS TO NOMINATE PROF. AJOMO FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT (PER DIEM ONLY) TO VISIT U.S. IN APRIL FOR DUAL PURPOSE OF OBSERVING JESSUP MOOT COMPETITONS AND VISITING U.S. INSTITUTIONS WHERE PETROLEUM

LAW TAUGHT. UNILAG LAW FACULTY, WHICH PAYING INTERNATIONAL/DOMESTIC FLIGHT COSTS FOR AJOMO, HAS ESTABLISHED PETROLEUM LAW COURSES. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT REFLECTS RECOGNITION INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF OIL IN

NIGERIAN ECONOMY. WHEN APPROACHED BY DR. AJOMO, WE OBSERVED THAT CHANCES WOULD BE BETTER FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT, GIVEN OUR BUDGETARY SITUATION, AS WELL AS DESIRABILITY UNIVERSITY SHARE COST TO DEMONSTRATE

ITS COMMITMENT.

4. FOR LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS, MISSION HAS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PROGRAMS INVOLVED IN TRANSFER PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY. WE VIEW THIS GRANT REQUEST AS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT ACADEMIC ASPECT THIS SECTOR (IN ADDITION TO RECENT FULBRIGHT REQUESTS)

AS WELL AS SERVE CU OBJECTIVES. DR. AJOMO HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE AS COORDINATOR JESSUP MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS AND IS PRIME EMBASSY CONTACT ON NIGERIAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL LAW, INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAG TO ATTEND SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

5. THUS HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN CONSIDER GRANT FAVORABLY. FULL NOMINATION

WITH BIODATA AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW.  
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